(d) if so, the amount of subsidy paid on cylinder?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY) : (a) Currently, subsidy is being incurred on LPG (Domestic).

(b) to (d) the production cost of petroleum products cannot be identified separetely since all the products are produced jointly. The Production cost for any company would include cost of crude oil, processing charges, marketing cost, filling charges, freight, distributors commission, taxes, other duties etc.

However, the oil companies are paid import parity price for LPG uplifted in bulk. The tariff adjusted imported parity refinery gate price for the month of July 2000 has been provisionally fixed at Rs. 14297.98MT.

The current subsidy on LPG (Domestic) cylinder is about Rs. 125 cylinder.

Applicants waiting for Domestic Gas Connections

91. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applicants waiting for getting domestic gas connections; and

(b) by when the Government would give them the gas connections as it is the basic need of a family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The total number of waiting list registered with LPG distributors of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies as on 1.12.1999 is about 93 lakhs. Government have a plant to release 1 crore connections during the calendar year, 2000 which will liquidate this waiting list.

Increase in Deficit in the oil pool Account

92. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the deficit in the oil pool account has increased considerably in recent months;